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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PCAT
SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON BEGIN AND DAYAN VISITS

REF: STATE 114888

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH MINSTATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS RASHID ABDALLAH MAY 9, I TOOK OPPORTUNITY USE REFTEL TO BRIEF HIM ON BEGIN AND DAYAN VISIT. ABDALLAH'S REACTION WAS FIRST TO ASK FOR MY EVALUATION OF WHERE MATTERS STAND FOR SALE OF AIRCRAFT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT AND WHETHER ADMINISTRATION WOULD SUCCEED IN GETTING APPROVAL FOR SALE THROUGH CONGRESS. AFTER INDICATING THAT I THOUGHT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD SUCCEED ALTHOUGH IT WOULD REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT, ABDALLAH SAID HE HOPED AND EXPECTED THAT USG WOULD RESUME ITS MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS ONCE ARMS SALES QUESTION RESOLVED. HE AFFIRMED THAT CONTINUED USG ROLE WAS INDISPENSABLE TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN MIDDLE

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2. COMMENT: WE FIND ABDALLAH'S RELATIVELY RELAXED REACTION AN INTERESTING CONTRAST TO RECENT SPATE OF PRESS ARTICLES CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTERVIEW WITH TRUDE FELDMAN (ABU DHABI'S 1247) AND CONTINUOUS MEDIA COMMENTARY ON U.S. ARMS SALES DEBATE.

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